



## **Nigeria 7<sup>th</sup> National Chicken Genetic Gains Innovation Platform (3<sup>rd</sup> Smallholder Poultry Value Chain Forum) Convening**

**Dates: October 30 – 31, 2018**

**Venue: Chelsea Hotel, Abuja**

### **Key highlights**

- The meeting was the 3<sup>rd</sup> series of the Smallholder Poultry Forum (SPF) that was established to ensure the sustainability of the national innovation platform (IP) beyond the ACGG program.
- The Forum is important for sustained monitoring of the continuous demand and supply (required quantity and quality) of standardized and competitively priced input and output of the poultry value chain (VC) in Nigeria.
- Majority of the community IPs in Nigeria have transitioned to farmer cooperatives and registered with the local government authorities. These cooperatives will serve as the farmer collective action for the marketing and processing of poultry products and, purchase of farm inputs.
- The national Forum could use these community co-operatives as the building block to create a bigger (national) chicken/poultry industry movement. The co-operatives will need some leadership and business training to run them effectively and transparently.

### **Participants and gender mainstreaming**

- The meeting was attended by 81 participants [women (43); men (38)] with a good mix of the youth.
- Specific attention to gender has always been an important commitment of the project,

and this is reflected in all dimensions of the stakeholder engagement, including actions to mobilize and engage women and youth.

- Women participation was well over 50% in Nigeria during the 7<sup>th</sup> national IP and had quality input during the meeting sessions.



*Involvement of women and youth, and their active participation during the sessions was key.*

### **Workshop process design and facilitation**

- Working closely with the Forum facilitators, ECI-Africa helped to design the meeting process. Below was a meeting in session.



- The main focus was to mentor Forum facilitators to be able to design and run functional and effective Forum processes - helping them in designing Forum meetings, mentoring them (through shadowing during actual processes); and supporting them to develop mechanisms for on-going analysis/ review and identification of critical Forum focal areas and processes.

### The Smallholder Poultry Forum

#### Mission

Smallholder Poultry Forum is geared towards Empowering and creating business



*The Forum members spent quality time in understanding, reviewing and agreeing on the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the Forum.*

opportunities for actors along the Smallholder Poultry Value Chain (SPVC) in Nigeria.

#### Objectives

- a) To stimulate and sustain the commercial interests of stakeholders and commitment to the Nigeria smallholder poultry brand for mutual benefits by addressing problems with facts and experience.
- b) To generate co-created solutions based on interactions in the Forum. To identify gaps in skill sets and bridge gaps amongst stakeholders.

- c) To establish a viable business negotiation and agreement system amongst stakeholders.

#### What were the key deliverables of the Working Groups?

1. Registration of FUNAAB Alpha as a poultry breed in Nigeria.
2. Development of the NgSHPMix (*FeedMix app*) that provides the estimated nutritional content of a feed formulation. The *app* will be able to determine how well the given formulation meets the key nutritional needs of the bird-type being fed.
3. Minimum standards for the poultry processing have been developed – and would help to minimize the potential food safety hazards associated with poultry production and processing.
4. A finance credit model has been developed for the chicken value chain actors - farmers, transporters; village based inoculators. These are in form of Anchors borrowers, Cooperative and Group financing models.

#### What next?

#### Business opportunities arising from the meeting

1. For individual members
  - Health services through community animal health workers
  - Training on the use the *FeedMix app*
2. Cooperative groups
  - Establishment of mother unit to serve other members
  - Establishment of savings and credit schemes
3. Corporate organizations
  - Expansion of business through off-taking
  - Increased supply of commercial feeds
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  - Establishment of savings and loans micro-finance bank
  - Identify at least one breeder farm for multiplication of Sasso breed.

The Smallholder Poultry Forum will meet after 6 months to review progress and hold the 4<sup>th</sup> SPF half-year general meeting.